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SUBJECT: U.S. RO-RO VESSEL CALLS AT JIDDA PORT

1. THE FIRST REGULAR ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF SERVICE DIRECT FROM U.S. PORTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST WAS INAUGURATED WITH THE ARRIVAL LAST WEEK OF THE FINNBUILDER AT JIDDA PORT.

2. THE FINNBUILDER, ONE OF TWO RO-RO VESSELS TO BE OPERATED REGULARLY BETWEEN THE U.S. PORTS OF NEW YORK, BALTIMORE, AND GALVESTON AND THE MIDDLE EAST PORTS OF JIDDA, DAMMAM, KUWAIT, DUBAI, AND BANDAR SHAPOUR, IS A 14,000 TON VESSEL, 571 FEET LONG, STERN--LOADING, WITH A CONTAINER CAPACITY OF 469 TEU CONTAINERS OF 214 - 40 FOOT CONTAINERS.

3. THE FINNBUILDER OFF-LOADED TRACTORS, AUTOMOBILES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PRE-FAB HOUSES AT JIDDA PORT. IS IS SCHEDULED TO CALL AT BANDAR SHAPOUR BEFORE RETURNING TO THE U.S.

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4. THE TWO RO-RO VESSELS - THE FINNBUILDER AND THE FINN-AMER - ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY MARINE TRANSPORT SERVICE, (MTS) FORTH RECTOR ST., NEW YORK, N.Y., TELEPHONE: 212-349-8577. THEIR AGENT IN SAUDI ARABIA IS THE MIDDLE EAST SHIPPING AGENCIES (A SUBSIDIARY OF ORRI LINES), P.O. BOX 2313, JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA, TELEPHONE: 26184, 32144. GENERAL MANAGER: A. DINAD.

5. MR. DINAD ANTICIPATES REGULAR MONTHLY SERVICE IF THE INITIAL VOYAGES LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

6. MTS HAS A THIRD RO-RO VESSEL - THE LAURENTIAN FOREST WHICH WILL BE OPERATING FROM U.S. TO MIDDLE EAST PORTS, BUT WILL NOT BE CALLING AT JIDDA PORT BECAUSE IT IS A SIDE-LOADING VESSEL, THEREBY MAKING IT INELIGIBLE FOR PRIORITY BERTHING.

7. FOR CAGNE/USDOC: U.S. EXPORTERS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THIS SERVICE. THE EXTREME CONGESTION AT JIDDA PORT HAS MADE SHIPPING VIA RO-RO VESSEL THE ONLY METHOD TO INSURE DELIVERY FROM THE U.S. TO JIDDA IN A REASONABLE TIME.
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